

Forest Land-Bhandara

Diversion of 0.7830 ha. Forest Land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980 for laying close Pipe Line distribution system from 600 Meter to 1140 meter on Sorna Feeder Canal of Sorna Medium Project at Village Bawanthadi South Block No.12, Taluka Tumsar, Dist. Bhandara in the State of Maharashtra.

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No. FLD-3524/C.R.128/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai 400032.
Date:-09.04.2025.**

Reference:-

- 1) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/S1/PID-151346/Thane/2023-24, Dt.06.03.2024
- 2) Government of Maharashtra, Letter No. FLD-3524/C.R.128/F-10, dt. 30.05.2024.
- 3) Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur Letter No. FP/MH/Canal/464018/2024, dt. 23.08.2024.
- 4) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Nagpur/PID-464018/2288/24-25, dt.16.01.2025.
- 5) Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur Letter No. FP/MH/Canal/464018/2024, dt. 05.02.2025.
- 6) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-464018/ Nagpur /24-25/2868, dt.24.03.2025.

Order:-

Whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide letter under reference No.1 has submitted a proposal for diversion of 0.7830 ha. Forest Land for laying close Pipe Line distribution system from 600 Meter to 1140 meter on Sorna Feeder Canal of Sorna Medium Project at Village Bawanthadi South Block No.12, Taluka Tumsar, Dist. Bhandara in the State of Maharashtra under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980;

AND whereas, the State Government vide letter under reference No.2 has submitted proposal to Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur;

AND whereas, the Government of India after due consideration, vide letter under reference No.3, accorded 'In-principle' approval to divert the 0.7830 ha. Forest Land for the above project under section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. The said approval is subject to fulfillment of certain conditions by the User Agency;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letter under reference No.4 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur;

AND whereas, the Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur, vide under reference no. 5 accorded 'Final approval' to divert the of 0.7830 ha. of Forest land in favour of Executive Engineer, Bhandara Irrigation Division, Bhandara for laying close Pipe Line distribution system from 600 Meter to 1140 meter on Sorna Feeder Canal of Sorna Medium Project at Village Bawanthadi South Block No.12, Taluka Tumsar, Dist. Bhandara in the State of Maharashtra;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letter under reference No.6 has requested State Government to issue diversion order in the matter;

NOW, therefore, Government of Maharashtra hereby directs that the area of 0.7830 ha. consisting of Reserved Forest Land more specifically described in the proposal submitted vide letter under reference No. 1 and as per details given in the Schedule given below, be diverted to the User Agency, i.e. Executive Engineer, Bhandara Irrigation Division, Bhandara for laying close Pipe Line distribution system from 600 Meter to 1140 meter on Sorna Feeder Canal of Sorna Medium Project at Village Bawanthadi South Block No.12, Taluka-Tumsar, Dist. Bhandara in the State of Maharashtra.

The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the letter dated 23.08.2024 and dated 05.02.2025 of Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur. This approval for diversion of forest land is also subject to compliance of following conditions by the User Agency-

1. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara shall ensure compliance of the condition no. 1.2 & 1.8 mentioned in final order dated 05.02.2025, before actual handing over of the forest land to the User Agency.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara shall ensure that the FRA certificate must be obtained for the area to be diverted, before the actual handing over of the forest land to the User Agency.
3. The User Agency shall comply with all the conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' and 'final approval' letters of Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur, referred above. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur shall ensure the strict compliance of the conditions by the User Agency and shall furnish the report in this regard to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur from time to time.
4. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Regional Office, MoEF&CC letters dated 23.08.2024 and dated 05.02.2025, in this order and Rules & Guidelines made / issued under of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, shall

amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.

5. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur shall report through the State Government to the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur as per procedure laid down in guidelines under the of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

SCHEDULE

Sr. No.	Name of Component	Name of Village / Block No.	Compt No.	Forest Area Proposed				Legal Status of land
				Length (m)	Width (m)	Area in (Sq. m.)	Area in (ha.)	
1	Laying close Pipe Line distribution system from 600 Meter to 1140 meter on Sorna Feeder Canal of Sorna Medium Project	Bawanthadi South Block No.12	54	540.00	14.50	7830.0000	0.7830	Reserved Forest
Total Forest Area (in ha.)							0.7830	

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(Ravikiran Govekar)

Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)

Copy:

- Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi.
- Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
- Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
- Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur.
- Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Nagpur.
- Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), Nagpur.
- Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur.
- Collector, Bhandara.
- Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Bhandara.

10. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara.
 11. Executive Engineer, Bhandara Irrigation Division, Bhandara
 12. Select File F-10.
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- i) Collector- Bhandara and Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Bhandara are hereby directed to forward the copy of this order to concerned Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats, Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government and they shall also ensure the display of this order on their notice board as well as on the notice board of local self-government bodies for the information of general public.
 - ii) Executive Engineer, Bhandara Irrigation Division, Bhandara is hereby directed to publish the entire order of forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the details of Survey No., Gut No., area and legal status of each Survey, Gut No. etc. and along with the conditions and safe guards imposed by the Central Government while granting forest clearances in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and other in English language. Copy of the Newspapers be submitted to Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara.
 - iii) Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government are hereby directed to display the same on their notice board for 30 days from the date of receipt for the information of general public.